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SUBJ: CAIRO PRESS LASHES BACK AT EL MOUDJAHID'S ATTACK ON OPEN DOOR

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1. AHAM EDITOR HAMID GAMAL REACTED SHARPLY TO MOUDJAHID'S CRITIQUE OF EGYPTIAN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY (REFTEL) WITH FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL SEPTEMBER 25. GAMAL PROFESSED RELUCTANCE TO RESPOND SINCE MOUDJAHID "HARDLY READ IN ALGERIA OR HEARD OF OUT OF IT" AND BECAUSE IT NO MORE THAN GOVERNMENT ORGAN RUN BY FRENCHIFIED BUNCH OF PSEUDO-INTELLECTUALS. REBUTTAL REQUIRED, HOWEVER, BY OBVIOUS "INTER-FERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS" WHICH COINCIDES WITH "ARAB AND FOREIGN CAMPAIGNS AGAINST EGYPT".

2. GAMAL REVIWED POINTS MADE IN ALGERIAN PAPER, REBUTTED THEM WITH THE "FACTS", AND EXPOSED ALGERIAN HYPROCRISY:
A. WHY SHOULD EGYPT NOT SEEK HELP FROM SISTERLY ARAB COUNTRIES FOR LIQUIDITY PROBLEMS CAUSED BY WAR EFFORT? IF EGYPT HAD TAKEN SAME POSITION AS ALGERIA THERE WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ARMED CONFRONTATION. ALGERIA, IN ANY CASE,
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TAKES MONEY FROM SAME SOURCES AND HIDES FACTS FROM ITS

PEOPLE.

B. "PROGRESSIVE" ALGERIA AGREED TO SUPPLY NEW YORK CITY WITH NATURAL FOR 25 YEARS. DOES IT CONSIDER THIS "STRONGHOLD OF ZIONISM" DESERVING OF ITS SUPPORT? ALGERIAN ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES WITH THOSE IT CALLS IMPERIALISTS (US) ARE VAST AND COUNTRY SHOULD REFORM ITSELF BEFORE POKING ITS NOSE INTO EGYPT.

C. EGYPT IS DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY ENJOYING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND BROAD PRESS FREEDOM UNLIKE OTHERS (ALGERIA) RULED BY A HANDFUL FROM BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. LEADERS OF ALGERIAN REVOLUTION ARE IN EXILE OR IN JAIL.

D. EGYPTIAN SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND ANTI-IMPERIALISTS CAUSES CONTRASTS FAVORABLY WITH ALGERIA'S E.G., STAUNCH EGYPTIAN SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREA IN FACE OF "BIGGEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD" (YEP).

E. BOUMEDIENE'S "UNHOLY PACT" WITH QADHAFI AND, BY IMPLICATION, SOVIETS, IS LEADING TO ISOLATION OF ALGERIA. QADHAFI DENIED USE OF LEBANESE AND KUWAITI PRESS, NOW USES ALGERIA'S FOR HIS MAD SCREAMS.

3. COMMENT: GAMAL CLEARLY INTENDED TO IMPLY THAT MOUDJAHID WAS SPEAKING IN SERVICE OF LIBYANS AND PERHAPS SOVIETS. EGYPTIANS, WHO HAVE NOT HERETOFORE DRAGGED ALGERIANS INTO PROPAGANDA EXCHANGES WITH LIBYANS OR OTHERS, WERE OBVIOUSLY STUNG BY THIS FAMILIARLY PHRASED ATTACK FROM UNEXPECTED QUARTER.
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